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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 05/06-39

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FINAL FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2005/06 CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
(CWS) AUGMENTATION ALLOCATION

REFERENCES: CFL NO. 05/06-27, DATED NOVEMBER 14, 2005 AND
ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 05-26, DATED
SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties that the FY 2005/06 CWS Augmentation allocation as displayed in Attachment IV of CFL No. 05/06-27 is being finalized because the CWS/Case Management System (CMS) full utilization certification process described in ACL No. 05-26 has been completed.

All counties have submitted certifications to fully utilize the CWS/CMS and their certifications have been approved. Therefore, all counties are now eligible to access the funds that the Legislature has provided as an augmentation to fund services provided through the Emergency Response, Family Maintenance, Family Reunification and Permanent Placement components of CWS. As a reminder, it is the intent of the Legislature that these funds be used to supplement, and not supplant, existing CWS funding.

The allocation methodology used for these funds remains the same as that described in CFL No. 05/06-27. Funds have been distributed based on a percent to total of each county's Hold-Harmless Full-Time Equivalent positions, with an adjustment to ensure that each county received a minimum allocation of \$100,000. There is no county match for the Augmentation funds.

State-Use-Only (SUO) Codes will be utilized to enable counties to access the CWS Augmentation. Once each county's state share of the CWS Basic Allocation is met, any overage up to the county's Augmentation allocation amount will be funded with Augmentation funds. SUO Code 808 will take the expenditures that exceed the CWS Basic SGF allocation and will combine the non-federal state and county costs. SUO 809 will then take the non-federal overage up to the available Title XX Augmentation allocation to ensure these funds are expended before counties can access their State General Fund Augmentation allocation. Once counties have expended their Title XX

funds, SUO Codes 120 and 122 will then shift funds and charge them to 100% SGF share against the CWS Augmentation. SUO 166 will take the expenditures that exceed the state share of the CWS Augmentation funds, and shift them to county share.

Questions concerning this letter can be directed to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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c: CWDA